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OUR ONLY SAFETY AMID UNCERTAINTY AND CONFUSION

Ps. 19:12 Who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults.
Who can detect his lapses? Absolve me from my faults unknown.

The world within an uncertainty and confusion.
Unknown faults and weaknesses
1. Our general ignorance of our own nature
2. Habit and custom make us unaware of both evil and good.
Sleeping on a train. Noises of a city.
3. The sin that is unknown to us is more dangerous than the known variety.
The white ants of Africa
In times of crisis we collapse because of hidden forces that have been eating away

Phil. 2:15 Children of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation
The world without an uncertainty and confusion.

King's Beach

"A civilization, however, that numbers its depressed classes by millions in the most favored countries during prosperous periods, permitting them to be stalked by insecurity, dependency, unemployment and fear; a civilization that maintains group pressures in favor of gambling, drunkenness and profligacy; that worships the state and sacrifices human victims on its altars; that separates the nations into hating armed camps and creates savage animosities between races; that destroys the products of agriculture when children cry for food, and limits manufactured articles when multitudes are destitute; that glorifies the incredible but accepted business theory that individual self-seeking, by some strange necromancy, results in public well-being—such a civilization still deserves the biting description, "a crooked and perverse generation."

We are part and parcel of such a world, tho we be Xns, committed to Jesus Christ.

Amid a world within and without of such uncertainty and confusion, where can we find our security and how? Must we give up our effort to follow Jesus as hopeless? Or can we yet face the issue squarely and honestly and effectively enough to be, partly at least, worthy of the name Christian?

Dan 12:3 "among whom ye are seen as lights, holding forth the word of life."

A word about Life. I have often said that religion is life. But not any kind of life. Not the life of the world with its evils and hatreds and warsand sufferings and death. I mean a particular kind of life- the life of God.

There are thousands of panaceas for the alleviations(y of the world's ills, but only one way to absolute securit the way of committment to God.

I. That is what Jesus did-committed his whole life to God; he lost his own life in the life of God, and in so doing his spirit became the spirit of God, his thot became the thots of God, his love became the love of God, his sense of goodness and justice became the goodness and justice of God.

Commitment- to give one's whose self in trust to God. This was the power of the early Xns in a crooked and perverse generation. This must be the way of us Xns in our crooked and perverse generation if we are to register as followers of Christ and achieve His one purpose- to set up the kingdom of God on earth.

No partial commitment will do. We cant play the game of Xn living like we play the gme of golf- once a week for a couple of hours away from the business and cares of the world merely for recreation. Xn living is not a game to be played, but a business to be whole-hea rtedly devoted to, a whole life to be lived, not as we would live it, but as God would have us live it.

II. Commitment is not easy, nor is it a single act. "Ye must be born again" is true, but we have to be nurtured and cared for, we have to grow until our life becomes the life of God.

Jesus received the revelation of himself as the son of God, as identical with God, in full fellowship with the Father. But he had to resist evil and temptation, he studied the scriptures, he read God in all nature, he prayer often and unceasingly he, in short, communed with God all his life. He grew in the grace of God until in all his life and ways he became as His Heavenly Father.

When Xns of today commit their whole lives to God as Jesus did, and not until then, will they become- be seen as lights in the world, holdingforth the word of life.

He who loses his life for Jes- finds it.